

**Beartooth Recreational Trails Association (BRTA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 10, 2021**

BRTA Board of Directors meeting held via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Jones.

**Board Directors Present:** Terry Jones (President), Jennifer Drinkwalter (Vice-President), John Clayton (Secretary), Bill Foisy (Treasurer), Doug Anderson, Marci Dye, Heidi Gilbert, Pete Hinmon, Marv Keller, Tom Kohley, Anita Philipsborn, Dan Seifert, Derek Stiegemeier.

**Board Directors Absent:** none.

**Welcome and Guests:** no guests.

**Announcements/Upcoming Events**

- The Nordic Center is open.

**Minutes:** Bill moved, and John seconded, to **adopt the minutes** of January 13, as distributed to the Board. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marv moved, and Terry seconded, to **adopt the treasurer's report**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

- Bill's report included initial suggestions for next year's budget in each category, for committees to discuss. Everyone was impressed with Bill's work.
- The film festival netted \$63.
- Specifically, the report included:
  - Year to date profit and loss for the adopted budget, April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, to include through January 2020 income of \$39,635 versus \$65,600 budgeted, expenses of \$67,181 versus \$81,540 budgeted, and net income of -\$27,546 versus -\$15,940 budgeted.
  - Transaction List by Date, January 2020.
  - Checking account report with a balance of \$8,771 as of January 29, 2020.
  - Savings account report with a balance of \$52,723 as of January 29, 2020.
  - Savings (capital reserve) account report with a balance of \$18,001 as of January 29, 2020.

**Old Business:**

- We are getting closer to completing Conflict of Interest forms. If we can get four more by March, the board can certify them all together.
- By spring, we'll need a new chair for the bike program.
- Derek walked us through his written summary of the strategic plan. Committees should send him edits.
- Bill will do more work in the spring on the Highway 78 signs.
- Tom will meet next week with Emergency Medical Services about how to handle an emergency at the Nordic Center.
- Tom has applied for a nonprofit license from the GIS software company, which

would reduce costs for our web-based mapping project.

### **Outside Committee Updates**

- None

### **Standing Committees**

**Summer Trails:** Supplementing a written report, Tom discussed a spreadsheet listing all potential opportunities for BRTA to build trails on private lands. He noted that the Parks Board has expressed renewed willingness to help us. Montana Conservation Corps crews may already be fully booked this year, so we may look in other directions.

Heidi and Pete led a discussion of bike trails on Red Lodge Mountain. They have a proposal and draft MOU that RLM's Ann Kosorok is ready to take to higher-ups. It's a two-year plan, with this year mostly cleaning and maintaining existing trails. The total 2021 cost would be \$1325, although we could fundraise against that. Volunteers would be insured by a policy that Heidi has found to cover Bike Club only—this generated considerable discussion. John moved, and Jennifer seconded, that **we endorse proceeding with this project**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Winter Trails:**

Marci noted that the kids' Feb 6 lessons were cancelled this year due to cold. The Feb 13 family day will also be too cold, although maybe we can do it in March. We had not yet collected any money so no refunds are needed. Amy Hyfield may or may not need expenses reimbursed. Marci noted that we're wearing down our volunteers and may need to look at a paid executive director.

Supplementing a written report, Doug highlighted:

- The warming hut remains closed due to COVID-19, a difficult decision in the freezing weather.
- Little snow has meant little grooming, which means we have 300 hours still to record against the RTP grant.
- West Fork traffic remains high, with 1000 people signed in.

### **Marketing:**

John reported no activities. Jennifer said she would like to give away some swag on social media.

**Community Bicycle Program:** Doug reported no activities.

### **Event Committees**

- XCulinary will happen Feb. 27, Tom said. Vendors will be spread out to reduce crowding. Vendors and tents are set. Other details will come at a meeting tomorrow. Smaller tents may reduce expenses this year.
- Filmfest: Due to confusing Donation buttons, some of our donors may have actually given to WWA. Next year we'll return to an in-person event.

**New business:**

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation for the Ruth Sheller Endowment Fund has been signed, and the estate check has gone to the Community Foundation. The Marketing Committee will help RLACF with text.

**Next Meeting/Adjourn** We will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., probably again via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm by President Jones.

**Certification of Minutes**

Minutes prepared by John Clayton, Secretary.

Certification of minutes approved by the Board of Directors:

*Terry Jones*

**3/10/2021**

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Terry Jones, President

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Date adopted by the Board of Directors